Manufacture of Amaebocyte Lystate

898. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a chemical called amaebocyte lystate can be manufactured from the blood of a crab available in abundance in the coast of Orissa State, which can be used to prepare kits to diagnose certain disease and also for mandatory tests by drugs firms and hospitals;

(b) whether Government have not accepted the lystate test for inclusion in the Indian pharmacopoeia while approving drugs test; and

(c) whether Government will allow the manufacture of this chemical which can become a major foreign exchange carrier ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Limulus Amoebocyte Lysate can be used for testing pyrogens in injectable preparations. The suggestion to include limulus Amoebocyte Lysate test as an alternate for rabbit pyrogen test in Indian Pharmacopoeia was considered by the I.P. Committee. Keeping in view the position of this test in other pharmacopoeias, it was decided by the Committee that time is not ripe to make this test official in Indian Pharmacopoeia. Manufacturers desirous of using LAL test in their "inhouse testing" may make use of this test but statutory sample would be tested as per the official Rabbits' method.

Manufacture of Cancer-Prone Item

899. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI SOM PAL:

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that manufacture of Cancer prone item like Afla Olefins and Sultone is taking place in the country ;

(b) whether this item is being produced with the technical collaboration of a Mul tinational Company which have yet to prove its technical feasibility in its own country ;

(c) whether Government are aware that the said item is used in the manufacture of detergents, and is being used by the general public; and

(d) whether Government's clearance was obtained before approving this project ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and the same will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Systemic Lupus F.rethcmatosis 'C Fever

900. SHRI B. K. HARIPARASAD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any incidence of people suffering from the Systemic Lupus Erethe-matosis 'C fever disease in the country has come to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, to what extent and whether the disease is curable; if so, the details of the places where its treatment is available: and

(c) if the seply to part (b) above is in the negative, whether the treatment is available abroad, if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (c) Case of people suffering from Systemic Lupus Erethema-tosis with fever is known. However, SLE is a connective tissue disorder and is not a notifiable disease and there is no registry of such cases in the matter. The disease is not completely curable though it can be managed by a judicious use of steroids. The disease is being managed in the major hospitals and some of the prominent institutes for its treatment are:—

1. All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi